

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an imaging system in which even when an imaging device becomes inoperable, the entire system can still continue to be operated, and high reliability is obtained. When a second printer server receives a printing job from a first client personal computer, after preprocessing for output of print data, the second printer server transfers the printing job to a first printer, and an image data output operation is started in the first printer. When an error such as failure occurs during the image data output operation, a printer from which image data is outputted, is changed to a second printer of the same kind as the first printer. Preprocessing corresponding to the second printer is executed again. Thereafter, the printing job is transferred to the second printer, and the printing job is continuously executed by the second printer.